

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2005. The Examiner's comments in the Office Action have been carefully considered.

The applicant respectfully requests an extension of time of one month to re-set the due date for response from May 23, 2005, to June 23, 2005. The U.S. Patent Office is respectfully requested to charge the extension fee of \$120.00 to our account no. 10-0100.

Claims 12 through 16 have been rejected on the basis of U.S. Patent No. 6,675,208 issued to Rai et al. Claim 12 has been amended to recite a "no access point terminal" limitation in the parallel service provider device (16). It is respectfully submitted that this limitation distinguishes the present foreign wireless service provider from Rai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,675,208 B1). It seems that the Examiner regards the foreign wireless service provider of Rai et al. as the parallel service provider device since he indicates the description on col. 27, lines 13-22. As shown in Fig. 3, the foreign wireless service as well as the home wireless service providers have IWFs (inter-working function) 66 and 72 that are connected to the IP net so that the access point IP is included in the foreign wireless service provider and the home wireless service provider.

Furthermore, Rai et al, at column 19, lines 51-67, does not teach a transmitting means (S14) for transmitting the connection request to the parallel service provider device (16) to cause the authentication server (32) of the parallel service provider device (16) to perform user authentication when the user is the contracted member. Rai et al. merely teaches that the service profile information includes information to allow the end system to roam and set up connections to the end system's service provider.

Rai et al., at column 20, lines 1-50, does not teach a means (S8) for causing the authentication server (22) of the individual service provider devices (14A, 14B, 14C) to perform user authentication when the user is not the contracted member. Rai et al. merely teaches a configuration showing the registration requests and responses for registering a mobile in a home network from the home network (Fig. 15) and a configuration showing registration requests and responses for registering mobile in a home network from a foreign network (Fig. 16).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claim 12 clearly and patentably distinguishes over the applied reference. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application with all pending claims are respectfully requested.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Early allowance and issuance of a patent are respectfully solicited.

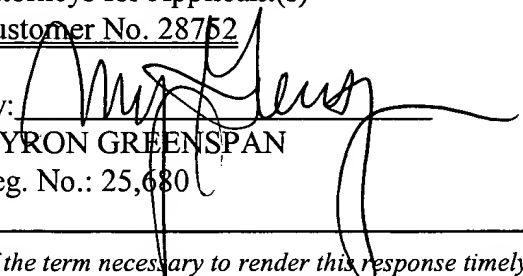
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Applicant hereby petitions that any and all extensions of time of the term necessary to render this response timely be granted. COSTS FOR SUCH EXTENSION(S) AND/OR ANY OTHER FEE DUE WITH THIS FEE DUE WITH THIS PAPER THAT ARE NOT FULLY COVERED BY AN ENCLOSED CHECK MAY BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT #10-0100.